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Welcome to the premier issue of *Michigan Genealogist*!

Since its creation, the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) has been dedicated to serving genealogical researchers from across the country with great collections and outstanding service. We continually search for new and improved ways to connect to our users. This electronic newsletter is just one example of our efforts to let researchers know about the wealth of information available at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. It also provides staff with another opportunity to brag about all of the wonderful things we are doing to assist genealogists.

We would love to have everyone who reads this newsletter come and visit us in Lansing, but we realize that may not be possible. We hope that *Michigan Genealogist* helps to bring the Library of Michigan and State Archives to you wherever you reside. Each issue will contain information concerning various services HAL provides and will include helpful articles to assist you in working on your family's history. Look for articles that share information on new acquisitions and shine the spotlight on some of our lesser-known treasures. This newsletter will outline ways to improve your research methods and provide news on various genealogical events happening across the state.

Let your friends, families and society members know that they, too, can access *Michigan Genealogist* at HAL's Web page. Periodically let us know how you think we're doing with the newsletter. We want to make sure the content reflects the interests and meets the needs of Michigan's genealogical community.

Happy searching!

Randy Riley
Special Collections Manager
Library of Michigan

Driving Directions and Parking:

Information concerning driving directions and parking can be located at the following Web sites.

Driving Directions: <http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160—55205,00.html>

Parking: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19274_20001—,00.html

Research:

Due to the length of time needed to conduct genealogical research, the staff of the Library of Michigan and State Archives is unable provide extensive research services. Check the Library of Michigan and State Archives' Web pages at <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan> and <http://www.michigan.gov/statearchives> for more information on policies and procedures regarding genealogical research.

Ask A Librarian:

Genealogy queries can be sent to the Library of Michigan at librarian@michigan.gov. While staff members cannot do extensive research, they can point you in the right direction and assist you in determining if the library's collection contains the information you seek. If necessary, the library's staff will refer you to a researcher or local genealogical society that will conduct research for a fee. Questions relating to the State Archives of Michigan should be sent to archives@michigan.gov.

The Library of Michigan's New Public Hours

Due to budget constraints, the Library of Michigan reduced public hours two days per week starting in April. While still open seven days a week, the library has shortened public hours on Mondays and Thursdays, from 1 to 6 p.m.

"We will continue doing our best to serve patrons and provide access to information as efficiently as possible," said Acting State Librarian Nancy Robertson. "We thank our patrons for their patience as we make adjustments to help weather these difficult economic times."

The Library of Michigan's public hours are:

- Monday and Thursday - 1 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - 1 to 5 p.m.

Please note that specific areas of the library (including Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room) have slightly different hours. For a full listing of hours of operation for Department of History, Arts and Libraries agencies, please see http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-15479_21806-26237—,00.html.

Library of Michigan and Department of History, Arts and Libraries administrative offices and conference rooms will remain operational and accessible 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The State Archives of Michigan hours remain unchanged, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; please see http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19273_19313—,00.html.

Genealogy Resources at the State Archives of Michigan

The State Archives of Michigan is charged with preserving public records of historical value created by state agencies and local units of government. By and large, these sources are of a primary (unpublished) nature. Also available in the State Archives are some federal records pertaining to the state of Michigan as well as a small research library containing many general sources relating to Michigan and the Old Northwest Territory. Many of these sources are invaluable to genealogical researchers.



The main body of genealogical records are found in local government collections. Counties, townships and municipalities transfer records of historical value to the State Archives, including citizenship records, circuit court records, probate court records, vital statistics and much more. State government also creates records that have secondary use for genealogists, such as state prisoner records and military service records dating back to the Revolutionary War.

If you are uncertain about a research topic, please feel free to contact the Archives staff prior to your visit. The reference staff can be reached between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at (517) 373-1414 or you may submit a reference request form at https://www.sos.state.mi.us/forms/request_frm.html. Our reading room is located inside the Michigan Historical Center (second floor, east wing) at 702 W. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing.

Family History Month

Governor Granholm has declared October 2005 Family History Month! The Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries has planned activities for the month that emphasize the importance of genealogy in preserving our sense of heritage and concept of home and family. All of the activities will be held at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, located at 702 W. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing, and are free unless otherwise noted.

For additional information, please go to <http://michigan.gov/hal> and click on Family History Month.

Saturday, Oct. 1

New England Genealogy Research

Abrams Genealogy Series program. FEE: \$15.

9:30a – 11:00a, Lake Ontario

Learn about the traditional and online genealogical resources available at the Library of Michigan for the New England region, including Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Michigan Archaeology Day

11:00a – 3p, Forum

Lectures, displays, and demonstrations focusing on archaeology and Michigan history will be offered. For additional information, please contact the Office of the State Archaeologist at (517) 373-6416 or arasimj@michigan.gov, or visit <http://michiganhistory.org>.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Civil War Sunday

1p – 5p, Forum/Rotunda

Hear the sounds of artillery fire and see Michigan's battle flags on display at this afternoon event dedicated to the Civil War. Other activities include:

How to Research Your Civil War Ancestor

1:30p – 2:30p, Forum

An overview of the genealogical resources available at the Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan for ancestors that served in the Civil War.

1865: The Year the War Ended

2:45p – 3:30p, Forum

2005 marks the 140-year anniversary of the end of the Civil War. This program will explore Michigan, its people, and its soldiers in 1865.

The Re-Enactor's Experience

4:00p – 5:00p, Forum

Hear Civil War re-enactors talk about life in their units, and learn what it takes to become involved.

Monday, Oct. 3

Beginning Your Genealogy Research

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This session will serve as an introduction to family history research at the Library of Michigan.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Census Indexes and Soundexes

10:00a – 11:00a, Lake Huron

An overview of U.S. Census records available at the Library of Michigan, as well as online, microfilm and print indexes and soundexes.

Using City Directories in Genealogy Research

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This Library of Michigan program will explain how to utilize city directories in family history research, including a look at the library's collections.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Ontario Vital Records

10:00a – 11:00a, Lake Huron

This session will explore the collection of Ontario birth, marriage, and death records and indexes available at the Library of Michigan.

Online Photograph Database Workshop

2:00p – 3:00p, Training Center,

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The State Archives has produced an online database with 1,500 images for visitors to search and view for free with CONTENTdm™ software. This workshop will introduce users to the software, how to use it, what collections are available, as well as future collections to be added.

Border Crossing Records

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This Library of Michigan program will explore the genealogical information found in the collection of border crossing records between Canada and the United States.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Michigan Land Ownership Records and Historic Landscapes

3:00p – 4:00p, State Archives

The State Archives holds all of the original land patents issued by the State of Michigan. This session will explore the various records researchers can use to investigate who owned land, the process in which land was surveyed and distributed, and how to perform research on the natural habitat and vegetation of land in Michigan.

Saturday, Oct. 8

African-American Genealogy Seminar

9:00a – 12:00p, Library tours to follow,
Michigan Library and Historical Center

Sponsored by the Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society (LAAAGS), this free seminar will include programs on African-American genealogy research strategies, resources available at the Library of Michigan, and oral history. For registration information, please visit the LAAAGS Web site at <http://www.laaags.org/>, email query@laaags.org, or contact Melvin Holley at (517) 882-1293.

Beginning Your Genealogy Research for Patrons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

1:00p – 2:30p, Lake Huron

Learn how the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped may be able to help you get started with your family history. This session will focus on the challenges visually impaired patrons face when doing genealogical research.

Genealogy Research Using HeritageQuest

3:00p – 4:00p, Training Center

This Library of Michigan program will show researchers how to put this popular online database to full use, including digitized census records, local and family histories, and PERSI.

Monday, Oct. 10

The Rare Book Collection and Genealogy Research

1:30p – 2:30p, Rare Book Room

This session will help explain what makes a book rare, instruct researchers how to properly use rare books, and will examine several titles and discuss how they may assist genealogists.

Beginning Your Genealogy Research

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

See the Monday, Oct. 3 session description.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Michigan Genealogy Research

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This Library of Michigan session will provide an

introduction for family history researchers with ancestors from Michigan.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Online Photograph Database Workshop

2:00p – 3:00p, Training Center,

LIMIT 12 PER SESSION.

See the Wednesday, Oct. 5 session description.

Ancestry Library Edition

3:00p – 4:00p, Training Center

This Library of Michigan session will provide genealogy researchers basic research strategies to more efficiently and effectively use Ancestry Library Edition.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Family History and Your Health

1:30p – 2:30p, Lake Huron

Presented by the Michigan Department of Community Health, this program will focus on incorporating health into a family history and the risk factors to be aware of for the prevention of chronic disease.

Michigan Naturalization Records

3:00p – 4:00p, State Archives

The Archives now hold nearly 70 of Michigan's 83 county naturalization records. Join this session to discuss the history of the naturalization process in Michigan, how to find records of individuals and what to expect when you find them, as well as other sources of naturalization record information.

Friday, Oct. 14

Michigan Vital Records

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This session will explore the Library of Michigan's collection of Michigan vital records and indexes, and the valuable genealogical information they contain.

Saturday, Oct. 15

World War I Draft Registration Cards

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

This program will explore the genealogical content of the World War I draft cards, which included all draft-eligible men in the United States, not just those who served in the war.

Michigan Oral History Association Conference (MOHA)

9a – 5p, Forum

MOHA's Conference will include workshops of value to family history researchers. For more details, registration information, and fee structure, please contact MOHA at 5580 West State Road, Lansing, MI 48906; the telephone number is (517) 321-1746, and e-mail address is gwiskemann@arq.net.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Canadian Census Records

10:00a – 11:00a, Lake Huron

This program will explore the Library of Michigan's collection of Canadian census records, the genealogical information found in them, and strategies for locating your Canadian ancestors.

Border Crossing Records

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

See the Wednesday, Oct. 5 session description.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Online Photograph Database Workshop

2:00p – 3:00p, Training Center

See the Wednesday, Oct. 5 session description.

LIMIT 12 PER SESSION.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Michigan County Clerk's Treasures

3:00p – 4:00p, State Archives

County clerks file an interesting array of records. From naturalization records to registering log marks for lumbering companies, researchers may be surprised at what may be found in a clerk's vault. Join this session to delve into the treasures one may find as well as review the mainstays in the county clerk's records available at the State Archives.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Genealogy Appreciation Day Activities

1p – 2:30p, Forum

Join the Library of Michigan in recognizing the support of the genealogical community.

Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar

FEE: \$10.

9a – 4p, Michigan Library and Historical Center

Participate in a daylong seminar with programs exploring various genealogy topics, including township records, family history documentation, city directory research, and more. The Library of Michigan will present the Genealogist of the Year Award at 1pm. For registration information, please visit the Council's Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgcl/>.

Monday, Oct. 24

Ontario Vital Records

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

See the Wednesday, Oct. 5 session description.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Ancestry Library Edition

3:00 – 4:00p, Training Center

See the Wednesday, Oct. 12 session description.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Online Photograph Database Workshop

2:00p – 3:00p, Training Center

See the Wednesday, Oct. 5 session description.

LIMIT 12 PER SESSION.

Family History and Your Health

3:00p – 4:00p, Lake Huron

See the Wednesday, Oct. 13 session description.

Thursday, Oct. 27

Genealogy of a House

3:00p – 4:00p, State Archives

Ever wonder about the history of your house or a building in your hometown? We will discuss genealogical research as it relates to residences and other structures both common and historic. Learn about resources available to conduct historic research on your home or any structure.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Take Pleasure in Your Family Treasures

1:00p – 5:00p, Forum/Rotunda

Our family history held through family treasures is important to have and to hold. Learn from experts how to care for your family treasures from musical instruments to photos to textiles to books to china.

Family History, Family Treasures

1:00p – 2:00p, Forum

Jeanne Drewes, Assistant Director for Access and preservation at michigan state university Libraries, will give an overview on preserving family treasures, followed by a brief question period.

Family Treasures Roundtable

2:00p – 5:00p, Rotunda

Bring your family treasures and family heirlooms to our panel of experts. This roundtable will serve visitors similar to “Antiques Roadshow,” where professionals will give advice on how to best preserve the objects. There also will be some appraisers on hand to talk about the value of various objects.

Steppin’ Back in Time: Celebrate Family History Month

7:00p – 9:00p, Doors open at 6:00p

As a finale to Family History Month, the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries is offering a **FREE** concert with the nationally recognized Lansing band *Steppin’ In It*. Both the music the band writes and the instruments they play are steeped in Michigan’s history.

Advance tickets will be available for this free concert beginning September 15 through Elderly Instruments in Lansing. Call for ticket availability at (517) 372-7880. Seating is limited to 240 seats, and tickets will be limited to four per requestor.

All sessions are **FREE** unless otherwise noted.

Registration is available by email at familyhistory@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is recommended.. If you have questions concerning any of the Family History Month events, please contact the Library of Michigan’s Special Collections Services at (517) 373-1300.

What's New at the Library of Michigan?

Do you want to know what new Michigan and genealogy materials have been added to the Library of Michigan collection? Are you looking for a new addition to an existing series? What is the latest edition of periodical we have on our shelf? You can find the answer to these questions and more in our online catalog, nicknamed ANSWER.

Access to ANSWER is available on the Internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan>. You can search for items that have been added to our collection in the previous month by clicking on the "New Titles" button at the bottom of the menu page. For example, here are four new titles you can watch for in the New Titles section of ANSWER:

- *Index Cards to Naturalization Petitions for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Detroit, 1907-1995.* This microfilm set lets you find your ancestor naturalization records in the federal court before the jurisdiction for naturalization was turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- *Arkansas Death Record Index: 1914-1950.* A set of microfiche provided by the Arkansas Genealogical Society.
- *Index to Naturalization Petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865-1957.* An alphabetical index to federal court naturalization petitions for the eastern half of the state of New York outside of New York City.
- *Massachusetts Vital Records: Boston, 1630-1849.* Over 200 years of vital records from Massachusetts' largest city.

Using ANSWER, you can search for materials in the Library of Michigan's collection by author, call number, keyword, subject or title. You can find out if a new title has been ordered, whether a new edition of a periodical has arrived, and whether we have the latest volume of a series.

Additionally, you will find information about our collections and services at this site. You can find out about our hours, location, driving directions and how to contact the Library of Michigan. ANSWER has links to Ask A Librarian, our online reference service; to MeLCat, a combined online catalog of libraries located throughout Michigan; and to the Michigan State University Libraries' online catalog. Other special features of the catalog include a genealogy for selected newspapers and links to a small number of electronic publications.

Please note, many of our genealogical resources are part of the non-circulating collection and are only available for on-site use at the library. ANSWER does not provide access to periodical articles, microforms, or CD-ROM and Internet databases.

Movers and Seekers: Michigan Immigrants and Migrants

From the earliest Paleo Indians who came by foot, to recent immigrants who came to Michigan by jet, everyone has roots somewhere else.

Movers and Seekers, an exhibit about Michigan immigrants and migrants, tells the stories of those people, both young and old, who left their distant homelands to come to live in Michigan. People came as families or as individuals by ship, train, airplane, horse and wagon or on foot. Sometimes family members who had already immigrated to Michigan welcomed their new relatives. Sometimes immigrants arrived not knowing anyone. Some people brought household treasures. Some brought necessities. Others could not bring anything with them. Many brought photographs of family and friends, while some saved their travel and immigration documents. Over time, these objects, photographs and documents took on more meaning for the immigrants, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This exhibit explains why people left their homes. It illustrates the differences and similarities in people's moving experiences, and it honors the diversity of backgrounds in Michigan's communities.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of M.L. King Jr. Boulevard. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on official state holidays. For more information, visit <http://www.michiganhistory.org> or call (517) 373-3559.

Movers and Seekers is sponsored in part by the Michigan Humanities Council, the Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation, the Esther and Seymour Padnos Fund of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area, Ameritech and the Friends of Michigan History.

Genealogy Funding

The Library of Michigan's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection is one of the 10 largest genealogical collections in the country. It consists of materials in all formats and serves patrons from across the U.S. and Canada. The comprehensive collection of county histories, census records, vital records, land records, military records, city directories, passenger lists, newspapers, over 8,000 published family histories and more makes it a national treasure. Although the primary focus of the collection is on states east of the Mississippi River, it truly is a national collection.

As the Internet becomes even more popular with family historians, it is crucial that the Library of Michigan be able to keep up with the changing digital environment. With current budget challenges, it will not be easy for the Library of Michigan to maintain a position as one of the leading genealogy research institutions. Outside funding will be essential to the growth of the collection

and continuation of outreach programs promoting the Library's holdings. Additional outside funding will allow the library to purchase digital scanners, microform copiers and scanners with e-mail and CD burning capabilities, provide greater access statewide to Heritage Quest and Ancestry's genealogy databases and develop digitization projects that would open unique resources to the genealogy community through the library's Web page.

Making a gift to the Library of Michigan Foundation is one way to help the library implement these key improvements. The beauty of the Library of Michigan's genealogy holdings is that the collection truly belongs to every citizen of the state of Michigan. Anyone who cares about Michigan's heritage or the importance of family history has the power to ensure the collection's continued preservation and growth.

Is the Library of Michigan Foundation in Your Will?

For many people, planned giving is the easiest and most effective way to help a cause they believe in. Instead of making a cash gift now, individuals plan for a gift that will be realized by the Library of Michigan Foundation at a later date.

Why would I choose a planned gift?

People who choose to make planned gifts want to support a specific Library of Michigan program or collection in a significant and lasting way.

Are there other good reasons for making a planned gift?

Yes! Here are several excellent reasons to consider a planned gift:

- Donors want to make a larger gift than what might be possible during their lifetime.
- They want to receive significant tax benefits in the year they make the gift and to decrease the tax liability on their estate upon their death.
- They want to receive a stream of income for the remainder of their lives and to provide a stream of income for loved ones over a long period of time.

Who makes planned gifts?

Those who wish to share the blessings they have accumulated over the years. They care about the Library of Michigan and desire to leave a legacy to ensure the future growth and preservation of their favorite collection or program.

How can my planned gift help the Library of Michigan's genealogical collection?

Thanks to gifts from the Abrams Foundation and other generous donors, the Library of Michigan has become one of the nation's premier genealogical



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institutions. Gifts to the collection are used to expand the general collection and acquire special materials; purchase and maintain equipment; adapt emerging technology; and provide meetings, speakers and educational materials.

What about naming opportunities?

Special naming opportunities are available within the Library of Michigan genealogy collection.

Who do I contact for questions?

You may contact Library of Michigan Foundation Executive Director Judith Moore at (517) 373-4470.

Genealogy Specialist Carole Callard Retired

Michigan's genealogy community lost a great supporter and friend when Carole Callard retired from the Library of Michigan on July 15. Carole's love of genealogy is contagious – anyone who has worked with her has been touched by her dedication to promoting the study of family history.



Born in West Virginia, Carole started her library career in Ann Arbor in the early '70s. After working at the Ann Arbor Public Library and in the documents department at the University of Michigan, Carole began working at the Library of Michigan in 1984. She took an early retirement from her position as the genealogy and documents supervisor in 1995 and went on to work as a Federal Depository Library inspector and as a reference librarian at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. The Abrams Foundation helped lure Carole back to the Library of Michigan by funding the genealogy specialist position in 1997.

Carole has traveled extensively on behalf of the Library of Michigan and the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, lecturing at local, state and national genealogical conferences. In 2004 she made more than 50 presentations, educating researchers on the treasures located within the Library of Michigan. In 2003 Carole was awarded the prestigious William Filby Award, given annually by the National Genealogical Society to a librarian who best represents excellence in genealogical service. Most recently, Wayne State University presented her with a Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to the Michigan library community during her career and for her work in developing a class for future librarians focusing on genealogical research.

"The beauty of Carole is that she is a real person," said Randy Riley, special collections manager at the Library of Michigan. "It doesn't matter how many awards she has won or how experienced you are at doing research. Carole wants to help everyone."

Carole's years of dedicated service have played a large role in developing the Library of Michigan as one of the leading genealogy collections in the country. She will definitely be missed.

Visiting the Lansing Area?

If you are planning to visit the Lansing area, you may wish contact the following organizations for information on hotels, restaurants, galleries and other attractions in the greater Lansing area.

Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau

1223 Turner Street, Suite 100

Lansing, MI 48906

(888) 252-6746 or (517) 487-6800

<http://www.lansing.org>

Old Town Main Street

1232 Turner Street

Lansing, MI 48906

(517) 485-4283

<http://www.oldtownmainstreet.org>

Principal Shopping District

309 North Washington Square, Suite 18

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